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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Customer No. 026418
Docket No. JG-YY-5090 / 500569.20069 Group: 1634
Applicant(s): Yoshihiko MAKINO, et al.
Application No.: 09/887,625 Examiner: A.K. CHAKRABARTI
Filed: June 22, 2001
For: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.